
HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING OSWALD K. STENDER FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, in 1931, local boy OSWALD KOFOAD "OZ" STENDER, was
2 born in Hau'ula, Hawaii and received a scholarship to Kamehameha
3 School for Boys, where he met his wife, Ku'ulei Sequeira, and
4 graduated in 1950; and
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6 WHEREAS, OSWALD STENDER faithfully served our country
7 during the Korean War from 1951 to 1954 as a Marine in the
8 United States Marine Corps; and
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10 WHEREAS, OSWALD STENDER began his career as an assistant
11 property manager at the Estate of James Campbell after receiving
12 his BA in business from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa in
13 1958; and
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15 WHEREAS, OSWALD STENDER honed his expertise in land
16 management and investment by shaping the development of Kapolei
17 as the CEO of the Estate of James Campbell from 1976 to 1988 and
18 Senior Advisor to the trustees from 1988 to 1990; and
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20 WHEREAS, OSWALD STENDER gave back to his alma mater as a
21 trustee of Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate from 1990 to 1999,
22 where he was instrumental in restructuring the governance and
23 the selection process for trustees; and
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25 WHEREAS, OSWALD STENDER further refined his skills in
26 commercial and residential real estate as a licensed consultant
27 and broker at American Land Company since 1999; and
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29 WHEREAS, OSWALD STENDER continued to support his native
30 Hawaiian roots through such efforts as co-founding a Hawaiian
31 language immersion school on Kaua'i and helping to produce Israel
32 Kamakawiwo'ole's second solo album; and
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1 WHEREAS, his humble, hard-working, and forthright nature,
2 coupled with his experience with charitable trusts, won OSWALD
3 STENDER a Trustee seat at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from
4 2000 until his retirement in 2014; and
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6 WHEREAS, throughout his career, OSWALD STENDER has
7 volunteered his time and energy as a chair, trustee, or board
8 member of various local entities, including, but not limited to,
9 the Abigail Kawānanakoa Foundation, Aloha United Way, Awaiaulu,
10 Inc., Cash Assets Trust, East-West Center Foundation, Friends of
11 Iolani Palace, Grace Pacific, Hawaii Community Reinvestment
12 Corp., Hawaii Employers Council, Hawaii Tax Free Trust, Hawaiian
13 Electric Industries, Helping Hands Hawaii, Kahi Mohala (Sutter
14 Health Pacific), Kawaiahao Church Advisory Board, Lanikai School
15 Board, Liliuokalani Trust Advisory Board, Mutual Housing
16 Association, Pacific Capital Funds, Pacific Gateway Inc.,
17 Pacific Housing Alliance Association, and the Tax Foundation of
18 Hawaii; and
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20 WHEREAS, even during his retirement, OSWALD STENDER is
21 tirelessly working to reform the Department of Hawaiian Home
22 Lands to restore land and dignity to Native Hawaiians as the
23 current Chair of the Broken Promises working group; and
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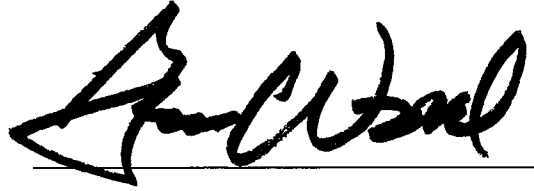
25 WHEREAS, OSWALD STENDER has been recognized by the
26 community as the 1994 Hall of Honor awardee, 1998 Kalaniana'ole
27 Award nominee, 2003 Kama'āina of the Year awardee, 2009 Honolulu
28 Forever Young awardee, and the 2018 Native Hawaiian Advocate
29 awardee, to name a few; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
33 2019, that this body humbly recognizes OSWALD KOFOAD "OZ"
34 STENDER for his many accomplishments and dedication to the
35 betterment of the native Hawaiians and extends to him its
36 warmest aloha and best wishes for his continued success as he
37 continues to advance Prince Jonah Kuhio's vision for the native
38 Hawaiian people.
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